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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
STEFAN UHRLANDT, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/EP03/08124)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: HIGHLY DISPERSIBLE :  
PRECIPITATED SILICA HAVING A  
HIGH SURFACE AREA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.